

Floyd County Council
Minutes
April 9, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Pineview Government Center
Commissioners Meeting Room #104

Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*

Roll Call – Full Quorum, Tony Toran-Virtual

Also Present- Attorney, April Geltmaker; Auditor, Diana Topping; Sheriff, Steve Bush and Recorder, Lois Endris

Dale Bagshaw led the invocation.

Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to add Item 11 for discussion of EMS funding. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Denise Konkle. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes *3-12-24 Council Meeting Minutes*

Motion to approve minutes as advertised. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

Public

Old Business

1. Floyd County Sheriff – Steve Bush (OB#1)

a. Unbudgeted Jail Expenses

Sheriff Bush said he is requesting \$192,000.00 for an IT issue and up to \$50,000.00 for the engineering of the water pipes. He does not have the money in his budget. The building falls under the responsibility of the Commissioners and the Council. Jim Freiberger said he thinks part of this can come out of Commissary or the \$200,000.00 from GO Bond. Denise Konkle said they could use part of the money from the Recorder's correction that was receipted in to the General Fund.

Motion to fund appropriate \$50,000.00 into line item 1000-005-3000-14. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed 6-1. Jim Freiberger opposed.

Motion to fund appropriate into line item 1000-005-3000-15 for \$192,000.00. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed 6-1. Jim Freiberger opposed.

New Business

1. CASA Executive Director – Lauren Broderick (NB#1)

Lauren Broderick shared the significant impact of CASA’s work in our community. CASA is a dedicated organization advocating for the best interest of abused and neglected children in Floyd County. They currently have 60 children who are waiting to be matched with a CASA volunteer. She asked for them to join in encouraging the community to become champions for these children and help them to build a more robust and compassionate Floyd County for the next generation.

2. Veteran’s Court – Judge Maria Granger (NB#2)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: Veterans’ Court User Fees

Line Balance: \$2,221.70

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2502	000	2000-05	D	Chemical Testing/Supplies	\$ 2,221.70
2502	000	3000-05	I	Training	\$ 2,221.70

Motion to approve 2a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Community Corrections – Daraius Randelia (NB#3)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Opioid Restricted-Abatement

Fund Balance: \$1,143,532.53

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1237	000	1000	01	Re-Entry Assessment Officer	\$ 51,042.00	\$ 51,042.00
1237	000	1000	02	FICA	\$ 3,905.00	\$ 3,905.00
1237	000	1000	03	PERF	\$ 7,248.00	\$ 7,248.00
1237	000	1000	04	Unemployment	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00

1237	000	1000	05	Health Insurance	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
1237	000	1000	06	Worker's Comp	\$ 2,553.00	\$ 2,553.00
				Total	\$ 84,004.00	\$ 84,004.00

Motion to approve 3a. Moved by Connie Moon. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Floyd County Health Dept – Charlotte Bass(NB#4)

a. Request for New Line Items

9163-000-3000-01 Contract Employees

9163-000-3000-23 Travel, Meetings and Training

Motion to approve 4a & b. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: ECHO Grant Fund

Grant Amount: \$20,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
9163	000	3000	01	Contract Employees	\$ 18,965.00	\$ 18,965.00
9163	000	3000	23	Travel, Meetings and Training	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00
				Total	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Motion to approve 4a & b. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Local Public Health Services

Fund Balance: \$662,305.41

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1161	000	2000	26	Institutional & Medical Supplies	\$ 34,530.00	\$ 34,530.00

Motion to approve 4c & d. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Request for Transfer

Fund: Local Public Health Services

Line Balance: \$47,162.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1161	000	1000-24	D	School Liaison	\$ 7,468.00

1161	000	3000-61	I	Contracts	\$ 7,468.00
1161	000	1000-24	D	School Liaison	\$ 6,500.00
1161	000	3000-23	I	Travel and Training	\$ 6,500.00
1161	000	1000-24	D	School Liaison	\$ 4,276.23
1161	000	3000-24	I	Telephone and Communication	\$ 4,276.23
1161	000	1000-24	D	School Liaison	\$ 1,000.00
1161	000	3000-31	I	Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
1161	000	1000-24	D	School Liaison	\$ 7,000.00
1161	000	2000-41	I	Other Office Supplies	\$ 7,000.00

Motion to approve 4c & d. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Floyd County EMA – Kent Barrow (NB#5)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: County General - EMA

Line Balance: \$130.02

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1000	361	3000-10	D	Office Equipment	\$ 51.00
1000	361	2000-01	I	Stationary & Printing	\$ 51.00

Motion to approve 5a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Floyd County Surveyor – John Brinkworth (NB#6)

a. Ordinance 2024-03 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Floyd County, IN Amending the Schedule of Copying Fees by the Office of the Floyd County Surveyor

Motion to approve 6a. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Parks and Recreation Superintendent – Matt Denison (NB#7)

a. Request for Additional Appropriation

Fund: Parks Non-Rev Capital Fund

Fund Balance: \$153,438.78

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
1178	000	4000	02	Other Capital Improvements	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
1178	000	4000	03	Letty Walter Park	\$ 3,168.93	\$ 3,168.93
1178	000	4000	04	Galena-Lamb Cap Improvements	\$ 110,500.00	\$ 110,500.00
1178	000	4000	05	Regional Park	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,725.00
1178	000	4000	06	Playground Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
				Total	\$ 142,393.93	\$ 142,393.93

Motion to approve 7a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Denise Konkle. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Floyd County Assessor – Terry Watson (NB#8)

a. Request for Transfer

Fund: Reassessment/Mapping

Line Balance: \$2,000.00

FUND	DEPT	ACCOUNT	Inc/Dec	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1188	000	3000-01	D	Levels' Bonuses	\$ 1,152.10
1188	000	2000-02	I	Platroom Office Supplies	\$ 1,152.10

Motion to approve to 8a. Moved by Brad Striegel. Seconded by Dale Bagshaw. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Open Door Youth Services – Leah Pezzarossi (NB#9)

a. Salary Increases for 2 Employees

Michelle Portwood said Youth Services has 2 employees that were hired in lower than the entry level rate because they were new in their career. They were hired at 95%. Open Door Youth Services is 100% grant funded and the salaries are already included in the budget.

Motion to approve 9a. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Floyd County Council (NB#10)

a. Floyd Co Ordinance 2024-04 April 9, 2024 Transfers

Motion to approve 10a. Moved by Denise Konkle. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Continued Discussion – Hiring

Michelle Portwood said there is a form currently used for the Department Head or Elected Official to complete when asking to hire a new employee. The form has been updated to include if the position needs to be a full-time position among other changes.

This discussion will be continued at the next meeting as New Business so everyone has a chance to review the new form.

11. EMS Funding Discussion (NB#11)

Brad Striegel said he would like to discuss what they are willing to fund so the Commissioners know what to negotiate.

Denise Konkle said she spoke with David Bottorff with AIC. He said the Commissioners should not enter into a contract without an appropriation. The only way she could get behind a private provider solution is to agree that they will have to put a tax increase in place. She is not willing to drain their coffers.

Brad Striegel said he is not willing to fund a private provider to provide EMS for all of the county minus the City of New Albany.

Jim Freiberger said they can not pull the funding out of Highlander Fire District. It's got to come from the County and that's the only way he will support it. He said the fees that AmeriPro charges is double of what New Chapel charges. The citizens will pay a significant amount of money out of pocket.

Connie Moon said she sees a lot of gaps with having different EMS for different parts of the county. There are too many pieces that need to come together to make sure it's a well-oiled machine. She is not for fire-based. She is for private for 2 years so they can get the right thing in place and get it right the first time.

Tony Toran said he fully supports Fire-based EMS and will be well served by the fire departments of the county.

Dale Bagshaw said if Highlander Fire was able to commit to the RFP they would have done it when the RFPs were open. He would conclude that they will not save money by having County owned EMS. He stated private industry usually

does better than government entities, except for a few things in this world. They are more efficient and do a better product.

Danny Short said if you are a fire department wanting to offer emergency services then it would make sense to have the levy come straight to the fire department. They can't decide on funding much less who they want to pull in. They are getting so short on time. He doesn't want a gap in coverage, and funding from different sources. If fire based is the answer they need to do it through their levy.

Motion to advise the Commissioners that the Council will not support a full county EMS service with AmeriPro. They want the EMS fire-based Highlander District to cover that territory but the funding will not come from Highlander Fire District to cover their cost over any of these years. Moved by Jim Freiberger. Seconded by Brad Striegel. Motion and second were rescinded to wait for more information on the cost of AmeriPro covering part of the County.

Denise Konkle said she would like Baker Tilly to be involved with the financial decision.

Dale Bagshaw said the Commissioners have already made their decision and it is the job of the Council to find funding.

Committee Reports

Public

**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Signed the 14th day of May, 2024

FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL



Danny Short, President



Connie Moon, Vice President




Dale Bagshaw, member



Jim Freiberger, member



Denise Konkle, member



Brad Striegel, member



Tony Toran, member



ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor